
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, CITY OF DINUBA, 288 SOUTH M STREET, DINUBA, TULARE COUNTY, RB CASE 5T54000517

To: Offsite Property Owners and Other Interested Persons

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the subject case, and to request comments from interested parties regarding the proposed closure at the above listed property (Site). An unauthorized release of fuel from the underground storage tank (UST) system was discovered on 3 July 2003, during system removal. Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) was detected at a concentration of 2,300 milligrams per kilogram in a soil sample collected beneath the UST. Tulare County Department of Environmental Health Services (Tulare County) staff opened an unauthorized release case and requested investigation. Regulatory oversight was referred to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board when Tulare County ended the Local Oversight Program on 1 July 2016.

The Site is on the northwest corner of South M and West Ventura Streets in an area of commercial and residential properties in the City of Dinuba. The property is currently part of a public park landscaped with grass and trees. The Platinum Movie Theater is adjacent on the northwest. The property is listed as Tulare County Assessor's Parcel Number 017-144-009. Water is supplied to the Site by the City of Dinuba public water system.

Site investigations to determine the extent of gasoline in soil and the associated human health risk were conducted from 2003 until 2019. An undetermined mass of contaminated soil was removed during the 2003 UST system removal. Gasoline constituents remaining in soil and expected to naturally degrade. Shallow soil and soil vapor sampling during 2018 demonstrated that human health risk from the remaining contaminant mass was less than the level of concern.

Thirteen monitoring events from 2006 through 2019 demonstrated that concentrations of gasoline constituents that migrated to groundwater had greatly decreased and are

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confined to an area less than 100 feet in length, with very limited offsite migration. Most gasoline constituents were not detected during the last groundwater monitoring events. The remaining constituents do not threaten the beneficial uses of groundwater and should naturally degrade.

Case closure is proposed in accordance with Central Valley Water Board staff's conclusion that information presented for this case demonstrates compliance with the criteria contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy*. No further action regarding this release is necessary. Any remaining petroleum hydrocarbons at the Site should continue to naturally degrade and should not adversely impact environmental quality, the beneficial uses of groundwater or pose an unacceptable risk to human health. All technically and economically feasible cleanup has been completed.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to parties on the attached list, and is posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/), under Public Notices, Underground Storage Tanks-Decisions Pending & Case Closures. Details of the site assessment and cleanup are also available through the [State Water Board GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) by searching for case number **5T54000517**. This information may also be reviewed at the Central Valley Water Board office at 1685 E Street in Fresno, California.

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments. Comments regarding the proposed closure need to be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board office at the above listed address **by 28 April 2020**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the site or the proposed action should contact John Whiting at the above address, by e-mail at John.Whiting@waterboards.ca.gov, or by telephone at (559) 445-5504.

On completion of the public comment period and in the absence of substantive comment against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the case closure process.